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Dear PDC,

Please consider this letter a formal complaint for failing to register to lobby concerning Mr. Robert E Lee.

Mr. Lee has said that he is lobbying on behalf of PAMES, a nonprofit durable Medical Equipment provider. His primary focus has been a sales tax issue involving durable medical equipment.

He feels that he does not need to register with the PDC because he is a "volunteer lobbyist" for a nonprofit organization. Yet the title on his business card says Health Policy and Government Affairs Analyst for Care Medical and Rehabilitation Equipment. The numbers on his card are 360 957 0397 and his cell is 503 969 8447.

Care Medical is a for profit company with office in Washington and Oregon. The company would benefit financially should this bill become law.

He has met with most of the House and Senate Health Care Committee members to discuss the bill he is working on, he has testified at every hearing, and he is on the hill almost every day.

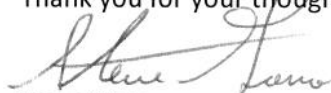
When called by staff to clarify an issue, he was able to get to the staff office within five minutes. This indicates to me that he has located himself very close to the capital to work on this issue.

It is very hard for me to imagine that he is lobbying activity is strictly voluntary.

As a person who engages in lobbying as a business activity, I certainly respect anybody's right to be an advocate for an issue, paid or not. That said, I also feel very strongly that those involved in the process must play by the rules of public disclosure.

I would ask that you investigate whether or not he should be required to register.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration


Steve Gano